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SUBJECT: MAJOR INVESTMENT PROPOSED FOR BAHAMAS

REF: NASSAU 2065

1. COMMERCE DEPT HAS CHECKED ITS SOURCES AND HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING NORMAN LUND OR BRUCE RYLAS AND LUND RYLAS INT. LTD. (BAHAMIAN REGISTERED).

2. ARA/CAR WAS CALLED DECEMBER 16 BY MR. DON CAGLE OF GENERAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, WASHINGTON, D.C. SAYING THAT LUND AND RYLAS HAVE ASKED HIM TO OBTAIN "CLASSIFIED" CHARTS OF NORTH ANDROS ISLAND, MENTIONED REFTTEL, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS HYDROSTATIC ENGINEERING STUDY OF PART OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALL OF ISLAND. CAGLE CLAIMED THAT CLASSIFICATION MAY HAVE

BEEN REQUIRED BECAUSE CHARTS WERE PART OF STUDY TO PLACE MISSILE TRACKING STATION AT MANGROVE BAY. HE SAID CHARTS ARE WANTED TO ASSIST IN FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR DEEPWATER PORT ON NORTH COAST OF ANDROS.

3. TO FURTHER QUESTIONS, CAGLE SAID THAT HE WAS INFORMED THAT GCOB HAD AGREED "TO SELL" ANDROS ISLAND "IN PARTS OR AS A WHOLE" FOR THIS INVESTMENT PROJECT. HE SAID PROPOSAL APPARENTLY INVOLVES VERY LARGE COMMITMENT WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF TRADE CENTER, PETRO-CHEMICAL COMPLEX AND INFRASTRUCTURE. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT LUND MAY OWN A REALTY COMPANY IN FLORIDA.

4. CAGLE WAS INFORMED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT HAS NO RECORD OF THE KIND OF CHARTS HE WAS MENTIONING, AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT HE CONTACT NAVY HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE. WE HOPE TO MONITOR THOSE CONTACTS.

5. LAW FIRM OF STEELE AND UTZ, MENTIONED REFTTEL, APPEARS TO BE NEWLY ORGANIZED AS IT IS NOT REGISTERED IN 1973 MARTINDALE-HUBBELL LAW DIRECTORY, THE ABA-APPROVED LISTING OF LAWYERS AND FIRMS. PARTNERS ARE GEORGE S. STEELE, JR. (HARVARD LAW) AND WILLIAM N. UTZ (WASHINGTON AND LEE LAW). BOTH ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF WASHINGTON, D.C. BAR. STEELE, BAR MEMBER SINCE 1965, IS NOT REGISTERED IN MARTINDALE-HUBBELL, AND THIS IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL GIVEN HIS LENGTHY PRACTICE IN THIS JURISDICTION. UTZ IS REGISTERED IN LAW DIRECTORY AS MEMBER OF UTZ AND WARD LAW FIRM IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, BUT NO RATING IS GIVEN TO THAT FIRM. KISSINGER

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